REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After the foregoing Amendment, claims 1-15 are pending in this application.

Claims 1, 5, 8, 10, 12 and 14 have been amended to define the scope of the present

invention more particularly and distinctly.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103(a)

Claims 1, 3, 4, 10, and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as

being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,078,914 to Redfern (hereinafter

"Redfern") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,671,714 to Weyer et al. (hereinafter

"Weyer"). Claims 2, 5, 6, 11-13, and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

as being unpatentable over Redfern in view of Weyer and U.S. Patent No. 6,256,663

to Davis (hereinafter "Davis"). Claim 7 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

as being unpatentable over Redfern in view of Weyer, Davis and U.S. Patent No.

6,490,575 to Berstis (hereinafter "Berstis"). Claim 8 has been rejected under 35

U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Redfern in view of Weyer and Berstis.

Claim 9 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over

Redfern in view of Weyer, Berstis, and Davis.

With respect to claim 1, the Examiner asserts that the element "a second

search unit" of claim 1 of the present invention has been disclosed by Redfern

because in accordance with Redfern, after the search engine queries the database, it

returns "hits (element 42)", and these "hits" are then passed to the "Search Results

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Filter", where it is combined into a single list and redundancies are removed. The

Examiner reasoned that in order for the "Search Results Filter" to remove

redundancies it must search through the "hits" to compare the "hits" to each other,

and this corresponds to "the second search unit" of claim 1 of the present invention,

which analyzes the first output information and generates a second output. The

Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Claim 1 of the present invention, as presently amended, comprises two

separate databases, a first database and a second database. The second database

contains information which is more extensive than information contained in the

first database (i.e., includes at least some information that is not included in the

first database). A first search unit retrieves information related to a user's request

from the first database to generate a first output, and a second search unit analyzes

the first output and retrieves information related to the first output from the second

database to generate a second output which includes additional information which

is not included in the first output.

In contrast, Redfern fails to disclose two separate databases wherein the

second database contains information which is more extensive than information

contained in the first database, and also fails to disclose two separate search units

such that a second search unit generates an output which includes additional

information which is not included in the first output.

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The Examiner asserts that the "Search Results Filter" of Redfern corresponds

to the "second search unit" of the present invention because the "hits" are passed to

the Search Results Filter which generates a combined single list after removing

redundancies. In order to remove the redundancies, the Search Results Filter has to

search through the "hits" to compare the "hits" to each other. However, the target

database of the Search Results Filter does not contain information more extensive

than information contained in "Information Sources", and does not generate an

output which includes additional information which is not included in the first

output from the "Search Engines".

Moreover, the Search Results Filter in Redfern does not perform a search, but

merely generates a combined list by just removing redundancies. The list generated

by the Search Results Filter contains inherently the same list, but without

duplicate items. Therefore, the Search Results Filter clearly does not perform the

same function as the second search unit of the present invention, which generates

totally different search results from a separate database including additional search

results. Therefore, claim 1 is clearly distinguishable from Redfern.

The Examiner asserts that Weyer teaches a webpage unit for receiving a first

and second output and selectively displaying said outputs on a web page. The

Applicant respectfully disagrees.

The Examiner indicates that Weyer teaches that the interface server provides

a list of information retrieved from the database to the user as a pop-up, and the

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"web page unit" is the interface server and "selectively displaying signals on a

webpage" is the list as a pop-up box. However, the pop-up window does not display

two separate search results, (i.e., the first output and the second output which

includes additional information which is not included in the first output). The pop-

up window merely displays a single search result generated from a contact data

base.

The Examiner also asserts that Weyer teaches an output unit for generating

an email to said user which includes the address of said web page. Weyer discloses

as follows:

At step 535, the interface server sends the recipient an e-mail

informing the recipient that a sender has visited the recipient's website. ... the e-mail may also contain instructions informing the recipient of how the recipient may access .. the recipient's created

website. (Emphasis added)

(See column 6, lines 13-21). In Weyer, a new web page is generated by the system,

if a member (i.e., a recipient) does not have a web page. This newly created web

page is displayed to a user, and it is also notified to a recipient by an email. In the

present invention, a new web page is generated with two search results, and an

address of said web page is sent to a user by an email. In contrast, in Weyer, a new

web page of a recipient is not generated with two search results and the address of

the web page is not sent to a user, but to the recipient.

The present invention teaches a scheme for delivering both solicited and

unsolicited information through an email prompt. The present invention provides

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two separate databases and performs two separate searches for the solicited and

unsolicited information, respectfully and generates a web page with two separate

search outputs and sends an email to a user with a prompt for the created web

In contrast, Redfern fails to disclose two separate data bases and two

separate search units. Weyer also fails to disclose a web page unit for generating a

web page with two search results and an output unit for sending an email with an

address of said web page to the user.

Therefore, claim 1 is clearly distinguishable from both Redfern and Weyer,

and allowable over Redfern in view of Weyer.

With respect to independent claims 5, 8, 10, 12 and 14, these claims have

been amended in a similar manner to claim 1, and Redfern and Weyer have been

cited as a main reference for these claims. Therefore, it is respectfully asserted that

claims 5, 8, 10, 12 and 14 are also clearly distinguishable from Redfern and Weyer

and allowable for the same reason stated above.

With respect to claim 2-4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15, these claims are dependent

claims. Therefore, it is believed that claims 2-4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15 are also

allowable for the same reason stated above.

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Conclusion

For the above reasons provided above, it is respectfully submitted that

pending claims 1-15 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration

and allowance of pending claims 1-15 are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner does not believe that the claims are in condition for

allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at

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